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APPLN. NO.: 09/530,719 GROUP: 2748
FILED: May 4, 2000 EXAMINER: Unassigned
FOR: A METHOD FOR SPEECH CODING, METHOD FOR
SPEECH DECODING AND THEIR APPARATUSES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 14, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

B1
3. (Amended) The ~~speech coding~~ method of claim 1, further comprising changing a noise level of time series vectors output from the excitation codebooks based on the evaluation result of the noise level of the speech.

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8. (Amended) The ~~speech decoding~~ method of claim 6, further comprising changing a noise level of time series vectors output from the excitation codebooks based on the evaluation result of the noise level of the speech.

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